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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Arleen M. Vazquez

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/16/2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 9 and 13-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-8 and 10-12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 3-8 and 10-12 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claims 3 and 5, the limitation of "said second feedback circuit means senses the instantaneous power to said electric heater" is inaccurate because the second feedback circuit means is not used for sensing the instantaneous power to the electric heater.

Claim 4 is objected, because it depends on the objected claim 3.

In claims 6,8 and 10, is not clear what is meant by the limitation of "said set-point". "Said set-point" does not have any antecedent basis, therefore this limitation is considered as indefinite.

Claim 7 is objected, because it depends on the objected claim 6.

In claim 11 it appears that the limitation of "said upper power limit and said lower power limit" has no anticipated basis.

In claim 12 it appears that the limitation of "said average heater power" has no anticipated basis.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

3. A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over ***Cardella (US 6,184,504)***.

As to claim 1, ***Cardella*** discloses a control system (Fig 2b) for maintaining the temperature of an IC-chip near a set-point while said IC-chip dissipates a varying amount of electrical power; the system comprising a heater transfer member (95) for removing heat from an IC-chip under test (40), an electrical heater (90 and 125) which has one face connected to said heater transfer member(95) and an opposite face for coupling to said IC-chip (40), an controller (160 and 162) coupled to said heater transfer member (95) and a heater controller (115) including a first feedback circuit for sending electrical power to said electric heater with a variable magnitude that compensates for changes in said IC-chip power. ***Cardella*** also suggest that the heater transfer member (95) could be a refrigeration unit (Col. 6 lines 30-35). It is well known that the refrigeration unit would include an evaporator. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to substitute the refrigeration unit as an evaporator for a liquid refrigerant. A evaporator controller (160 and 162) including a second feedback circuit for

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passing said liquid refrigerant to said evaporator with a variable flow rate that reduces electrical power usage in said heater over the power usage which occurs if said flow rate is fixed.

As to claim 9, **Cardella** discloses a first feedback circuit (115) that reads temperature from said IC-chip from a sensor (110) in said IC-chip (40) and sends electrical power to said electric heater with a magnitude that –a) increases as the temperature of said IC-chip decreases below said set-point and b) decreases as the temperature of said IC-chip increases above said set-point.

5. Claims 2 and 13 - 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Cardella (US 6,184,504)** in further view of **Theriault et al. (US 6,711,961)**.

As to claim 2, **Cardella** discloses everything above except for a valve included in the evaporator controller to adjust the flow rate of said liquid refrigerant. However, **Theriault et al.** discloses in Fig. 2 a valve (84,116) included in the evaporator controller (114) to adjust the flow rate of said liquid refrigerant.

It would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify **Cardella** teachings by including a valve in the evaporator controller as taught by **Theriault et al.** for controlling and adjusting the flow rate that pass through.

As to claim 13, **Cardella** discloses everything above except wherein the combination of said evaporator, electric heater, heater controller and evaporator controller are replicated in said system multiple times such that each combination maintains the respective temperature of a respective IC-chip near a respective set-point. However, duplication of parts is not given patentable weight. (See *In re Harza*, 274 F.2d 669, 124 USPQ 378 (CCPA 1960))

As to claim 14, **Theriault et al.** discloses in Fig. 2 a controller (114) opens and closes said valve (84,116) with a pulse-modulated control signal (signals come from sensors 112 and 124).

As to claim 15, **Theriault et al.** discloses I Fig. 2 a controller (114) opens and closes said valve (84,116) to a degree that is selected with the amplitude of a control signal (signals come from sensors 112 and 124).

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kainuma (US 6,257,319) discloses an IC Testing Apparatus.


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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arleen M. Vazquez whose telephone number is 571-272-2619. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor Ramirez can be reached on 571-272-2034. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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